

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

35 U.S.C. § 102 rejections

Claims 1-7, 10-26, and 31-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Pub. 2003/0033550 (Kuiawa). Claims 3 and 15 have been canceled without prejudice, therefore the rejection of these claims is moot.

Kuiawa does not teach, disclose, suggest, or make obvious a system, as recited in claim 1, wherein a user interface module generates a user interface automatically upon occurrence of a predetermined event, the user interface concurrently providing multiple pieces of information regarding multiple characteristics of a single uninterruptible power supply (UPS). The Examiner cited paragraphs [0004] and [0034] of Kuiawa as teaching “generating the user interface automatically.” Office action dated 8/10/06, p. 5. Kuiawa, however, discusses **a single monitoring icon** that changes states depending on the status of multiple UPSs being monitored (e.g., rather than appearing when an event occurs). *See e.g.* ¶¶ [0022-24]. The user must **manually click on** the single monitoring icon to obtain additional information about the UPSs being monitored. *See e.g. id.* at ¶ [0025]. In contrast, however, claim 1 recites a user interface module configured to **automatically** generate a user interface providing information relating to a predetermined event, the user interface **concurrently providing multiple pieces of information** regarding **multiple** characteristics of at least one of operation of the single UPS and connectivity of the system with the single UPS. Thus, for at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentable over Kuiawa.

For at least the reasons stated above with respect to independent claim 1, dependent claims 2, 4-7, 10-14, 16, 39-40, and 41-43 which depend from independent claim 1, are patentable over Kuiawa.

Kuiawa does not teach, disclose, suggest, or make obvious a method, as recited in claim 17, that includes **automatically** generating, upon the occurrence of a first condition, a user interface **concurrently providing multiple pieces of information**

regarding multiple characteristics of at least one of operation of a single UPS and connectivity of a system with the UPS. As discussed above with respect to claim 1, Kuiawa discusses generating a single multi-state icon that a user **must click on** to obtain additional information. In contrast, however, claim 17, recites **automatically** generating a user interface that **concurrently provides multiple pieces of information** regarding multiple characteristics of at least one of operation of the single UPS and connectivity of a system with the single UPS. Thus, for at least these reasons, claim 17 is patentable over Kuiawa.

For at least the reasons stated above with respect to independent claim 17, dependent claims 18-25, which depend from independent claim 17, are patentable over Kuiawa.

Kuiawa does not teach, disclose, suggest, or make obvious a method, as recited in claim 26, including **automatically** displaying a user interface that concurrently provides multiple pieces of information regarding multiple characteristics of operation of a single UPS and connectivity of a system with the single UPS. As discussed above with respect to claim 1, Kuiawa discusses generating a single multi-state icon that a user **must click on** to obtain additional information. In contrast, however, claim 26 discusses **automatically** displaying a user interface that **concurrently provides multiple pieces of information** regarding multiple characteristics of at least one of operation of the single UPS and connectivity of a system with the UPS. Thus, for at least these reasons, claim 26 is patentable over Kuiawa.

Kuiawa does not teach, disclose, suggest, or make obvious a system, as recited in claim 31, that includes means for **automatically** generating a user interface that concurrently provides multiple pieces of information regarding multiple characteristics of a UPS. As discussed above with respect to claim 1, Kuiawa discusses generating a single multi-state icon that a user **must click on** to obtain additional information. In contrast, however, claim 31 recites means for **automatically** generating a user interface, the user interface **concurrently providing multiple pieces of information** regarding multiple characteristics of at least one of operation of the single UPS and connectivity of the system with the single UPS. Thus, for at least these reasons, claim 31 is patentable over Kuiawa.

For at least the reasons stated above with respect to independent claim 31, dependent claims 32-34, which depend from independent claim 31, are patentable over Kuiawa.

Kuiawa does not teach, disclose, suggest, or make obvious a computer program product, as recited in claim 35, which causes a computer to automatically generate a user interface that concurrently provides multiple pieces of information regarding multiple characteristics of the UPS. As discussed above with respect to claim 1, Kuiawa discusses generating a single multi-state icon that a user **must click on** to obtain additional information. In contrast, however, claim 35 recites a computer program product including computer-readable instructions for causing a computer to **automatically generate** a user interface **concurrently providing multiple pieces of information** regarding multiple characteristics of at least one of operation of the single UPS and connectivity of the system with the single UPS

For at least the reasons stated above with respect to independent claim 35, dependent claims 36-38, which depend from independent claim 31, are patentable over Kuiawa.

35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections

Claims 27-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) in view of Kuiawa. Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are patentable in view of Kuiawa. These claims depend from independent claim 26. The Examiner asserted (taking official notice) that it would have been obvious to provide an alarm as recited in claim 27, from which claims 28-29 depend. The Examiner's assertion, however, does not make up for the deficiencies noted above with respect to independent claim 26 and thus claims 27-29 are patentable in view of Kuiawa for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 26.


Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, this application is believed to be in allowable condition, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If a telephone conversation with

Applicant's representative would help expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 542-6000.

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